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A COUNTERMEASURE FOR
PARTICLES ON A CUT FACE
THEREOF
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-7 with the following:

This invention relates to a microactuator device comprising a multilayer structure including a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes alternately laminated and to a technique utilizing the microactuator device.